

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(currently amended) A single-piece weight (M) to be hitched to an agricultural tractor lifting device, ~~having~~
comprising:

a top face[[,]];

a bottom[[,]];

two faces oriented transverse to the direction of travel of the tractor[[,]]; [[and]]

two side faces substantially parallel to the direction of travel, each side face comprising a transverse eye-bolt or spindle (7, 8) forming a means of engagement for the tractor lifting device[[,]]; and ~~characterized in that it comprises~~

at least one housing (L1, L2) opening outward and oriented so as to be able to receive at least one lift prong (B1, B2) of a load-handling device and to allow the weight to be lifted and handled by interaction of this housing and the lift prong, the housing (L1, L2) comprising at least one recessed portion (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) of the bottom of the weight, the recessed portion comprising at least one groove (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) extending from one edge of the bottom and emerging at at least one end.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The weight as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ 1, wherein the bottom comprises the two parallel grooves (12, 13) whose spacing is designed to allow the prongs of a fixed spacing pallet truck to pass.

5. (currently amended) The weight as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ 1, wherein the grooves (12, 13; 112) accept a substantially inverted U cross section, open downward.

6. (currently amended) ~~The weight as claimed in claim 3,~~
~~characterized in that~~ A single-piece weight (M) to be hitched to
an agricultural tractor lifting device, comprising:

a top face;

a bottom;

two faces oriented transverse to the direction of travel of
the tractor;

two side faces substantially parallel to the direction of
travel, each side face comprising a transverse eye-bolt or
spindle (7, 8) forming a means of engagement for the tractor
lifting device; and

at least one housing (L1, L2) opening outward and oriented so as to be able to receive at least one lift prong (B1, B2) of a load-handling device and to allow the weight to be lifted and handled by interaction of this housing and the lift prong, the housing (L1, L2) comprising at least one recessed portion (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) of the bottom of the weight, the recessed portion comprising at least one groove (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) extending from one edge of the bottom and emerging at at least one end,

wherein the grooves (212, 213) are provided on the bottom edges of the weight and are open laterally outward having a substantially right angle cross section.

7.(currently amended) The weight as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ 1, wherein the bottom comprises a single central groove (112) of sufficient width to receive the two prongs of the fork of the load-handling device, ~~[[this]]~~ the single central groove (112) being bordered by two zones (102b, 102c) protruding downward.

8.(currently amended) ~~The weight as claimed in one of claims claim 3, characterized in that~~ A single-piece weight (M) to be hitched to an agricultural tractor lifting device, comprising:

a top face;

a bottom;

two faces oriented transverse to the direction of travel of the tractor;

two side faces substantially parallel to the direction of travel, each side face comprising a transverse eye-bolt or spindle (7, 8) forming a means of engagement for the tractor lifting device; and

at least one housing (L1, L2) opening outward and oriented so as to be able to receive at least one lift prong (B1, B2) of a load-handling device and to allow the weight to be lifted and handled by interaction of this housing and the lift prong, the housing (L1, L2) comprising at least one recessed portion (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) of the bottom of the weight, the recessed portion comprising at least one groove (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) extending from one edge of the bottom and emerging at at least one end,

wherein the grooves (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) are oriented at right angles relative to the direction of the hitching eye-bolts (7, 8).

9.(currently amended) The weight as claimed in one of claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ 1, wherein the grooves are parallel to the direction of the hitching eye-bolts (7, 8).

10. (currently amended) The weight as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the side faces (5, 6) of the weight comprise convergent inclined portions (5a, 6a) and in that the grooves (12, 13) are open laterally outward (12a, 13a) at these inclined portions (5a, 6a).

11. (currently amended) The weight as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (12, 13; 112) accept a substantially inverted U cross section, open downward.

12. (currently amended) ~~The weight as claimed in claim 4,~~
~~characterized in that~~ A single-piece weight (M) to be hitched to an agricultural tractor lifting device, comprising:

a top face;

a bottom;

two faces oriented transverse to the direction of travel of the tractor;

two side faces substantially parallel to the direction of travel, each side face comprising a transverse eye-bolt or spindle (7, 8) forming a means of engagement for the tractor lifting device; and

at least one housing (L1, L2) opening outward and oriented so as to be able to receive at least one lift prong (B1, B2) of a load-handling device and to allow the weight to be lifted and handled by interaction of this housing and the lift prong, the

housing (L1, L2) comprising at least one recessed portion (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) of the bottom of the weight, the recessed portion comprising at least one groove (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) extending from one edge of the bottom and emerging at at least one end,

wherein the bottom comprises the two parallel grooves (12, 13) whose spacing is designed to allow the prongs of a fixed spacing pallet truck to pass, and the grooves (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) are oriented at right angles relative to the direction of the hitching eye-bolts (7, 8).

13. (currently amended) The weight as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) are oriented at right angles relative to the direction of the hitching eye-bolts (7, 8).

14. (currently amended) The weight as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) are oriented at right angles relative to the direction of the hitching eye-bolts (7, 8).

15. (currently amended) The weight as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) are oriented at right angles relative to the direction of the hitching eye-bolts (7, 8).

16. (currently amended) The weight as claimed in claim 4,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves are parallel to the
direction of the hitching eye-bolts (7, 8).

17. (currently amended) The weight as claimed in claim 5,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves are parallel to the
direction of the hitching eye-bolts (7, 8).

18. (currently amended) The weight as claimed in claim 6,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves are parallel to the
direction of the hitching eye-bolts (7, 8).

19. (currently amended) ~~The weight as claimed in claim 7,~~
~~characterized in that~~ A single-piece weight (M) to be hitched to
an agricultural tractor lifting device, comprising:

a top face;

a bottom;

two faces oriented transverse to the direction of travel of
the tractor;

two side faces substantially parallel to the direction of
travel, each side face comprising a transverse eye-bolt or
spindle (7, 8) forming a means of engagement for the tractor
lifting device; and

at least one housing (L1, L2) opening outward and oriented so as to be able to receive at least one lift prong (B1, B2) of a load-handling device and to allow the weight to be lifted and handled by interaction of this housing and the lift prong, the housing (L1, L2) comprising at least one recessed portion (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) of the bottom of the weight, the recessed portion comprising at least one groove (12, 13; 112; 212, 213) extending from one edge of the bottom and emerging at at least one end,

wherein the bottom comprises a single central groove (112) of sufficient width to receive the two prongs of the fork of the load-handling device, the single central groove (112) being bordered by two zones (102b, 102c) protruding downward, and the grooves are parallel to the direction of the hitching eye-bolts (7, 8).